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Applicant(s): *Turner et al.*

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Title: Novel Human *Notch* Ligand Proteins
and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same

AMENDMENT; AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED
JUNE 13, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on June 13, 2002 (Paper No. 10), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the rejections in Paper No. 10 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

Also included herewith are: as **Exhibit A**, a clean copy of the pending claims; as **Exhibit B**, a marked up copy of the original claims; as **Exhibit C**, the information provided regarding accession number Q9UGD3, which has been annotated as encoding a "Novel protein similar to SEL1L(Sel-1 suppressor of lin-12, *C. elegans*)-like"; as **Exhibit D**, an amino acid sequence comparison analysis between of SEQ ID NO:1 and Accession no. Q9UGD3.

The response is timely filed, and therefore Applicants believe no fees are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to Lexicon Genetics Incorporated Deposit Account No. 50-0892.